## **REMARKS**

This response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2003. Claims 15 to 19 stand allowed. Claims 1, 6 and 8 have been amended. Claims 7 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New Claims 21, 22 and 23 have been added. A check in the amount of \$51.00 is enclosed for the new claims and the dependent claim rewritten in independent format. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any in sufficiency or credit for any overpayment.

Claims 1 to 4, 6, 10-14 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,238,383 to Karram et al. Claims 1 to 4, 6, 9 to 12 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatenable over U.S. Patent No. 6,090,075 to House. The Office Action also objected to Claims 5, 7 and 8 as being dependent on a rejected base claim and indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

To place this application in condition for allowance, Applicant's are amending the claims herein in accordance with the Examiner's objections and allowed claims.

More specifically, Claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of objected to Claim 5 and Claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended Claim 1 and Claims 2 to 4 which depend from amended Claim 1 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 6 has been amended to include the elements of Claim 7 and Claim 7 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended Claim 6 and Claims 9 to 14 which depend from amended Claim 6 are now in condition for allowance.

Objected to Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended Claim 8 is now in condition for allowance.

New Claim 21 and new Claims 22 and 23 which depend therefrom have been added. It is respectfully submitted that new Claim 21 is similar to allowed Claim 15 without the element of the antibacterial soap and it is respectfully submitted these claims are also in condition for allowance.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and in the absence of more pertinent art such action is courteously solicited. If the

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Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the applicant's attorney, Adam Masia, at (312) 807-4284 to discuss this Response.

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